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SUBJECT: 1973-74 COTTON ACREAGE - SUDAN

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1. SUMMARY - FOR CURRENT 1972/73 SEASON, COTTON ACREAGE IS DOWN TWO PERCENT BUT GOS ESTIMATES APPROXIMATE 15 PERCENT INCREASE IN PRODUCTION BASED ON 17 PERCENT INCREASE IN YIELDS. END SUMMARY.

2. CURRENT CROP YEAR - MOST RECENT GOS PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE FOR CURRENT 1972/73 SEASON IS AS FOLLOWS: (COMPARABLE DATA FOR PREVIOUS YEAR IN BRACKETS): TOTAL ACREAGE 1.23 MILLION, DOWN TWO PERCENT (1.26 M); TOTAL PRODUCTION IN LONG KANTAR, 5.4 M, UP 15 PERCENT (4.7 M); AVERAGE YIELD (LONG KANTAR PER FEDDAN) 4.57 M, UP 17 PERCENT (3.88). DATA BY VARIETIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. EXTRA LONG AND LONG STAPLE: TOTAL ACREAGE 858,000, UP 6.5 PERCENT (854,000) TOTAL PRODUCTION 4.4 M, UP 13 PERCENT (3.9 M), AVERAGE YEILD 5.3 UP 13 PERCENT (4.7).

B. MEDIUM STAPLE: TOTAL ACREAGE 215,000, UP 11 PERCENT (194,000), TOTAL PRODUCTION 0.8 M UP 22 PERCENT (0.6) AVERAGE YIELD 3.8 UP EIGHT PERCENT (3.5).

C. SHORT STAPLE: TOTAL ACREAGE 154,000 DOWN 26 PERCENT (209,000), TOTAL PRODUCTION 0.22 M UP 28 PERCENT (0.17 M) AVERAGE YIELD 1.4 UP 75 PERCENT (0.8).

3. COTTON REPORT - CERPUB-005- WAS SUBMITTED TO WASHINGTON END USERS ON MARCH 17, 1973.

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RM COMMENT: ON AVERAGE, NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE ANTICIPATED IN IRRIGATED AREAS (I. E. EXTRA LONG, LONG AND MEDIUM STAPLE) IN NEXT SEASON (73/74). AREAS CULTIVATED BY RAINS, REPRESENTING 16 PERCENT OF TOTAL, ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER FLUCTUATIONS. NO YIELD DATA AVAILABLE FOR 73/74 SEASON PARTICULARLY SINCE CURRENT CROP ONLY NOW REACHING HARVEST AMID REPORTS OF INSECT INFESTATION. EVEN IF INFESTATION NOT SERIOUS IT REMAINS BE SEEN IF YIELDS WILL ACTUALLY ATTAIN HIGH LEVELS ESTIMATED. FRITTS

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